



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 280***

LCO No. 1912



Referred to Committee on HUMAN SERVICES

Introduced by:  
(HS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN'S  
NOTICE TO NURSING HOME RESIDENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (d) of section 17b-352 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*  
3 *1, 2016*):

4 (d) Any facility acting pursuant to subdivision (3) of subsection (b)  
5 of this section shall provide written notice, at the same time it submits  
6 its letter of intent, to all patients, guardians or conservators, if any, or  
7 legally liable relatives or other responsible parties, if known, and shall  
8 post such notice in a conspicuous location at the facility. The facility's  
9 written notice shall be accompanied by an informational letter issued  
10 jointly from the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the  
11 State Department on Aging on patients' rights and services available as  
12 they relate to the letter of intent. The notice shall state the following:  
13 [(A)] (1) The projected date the facility will be submitting its certificate  
14 of need application, [(B)] (2) that only the [department] Department of  
15 Social Services has the authority to either grant, modify or deny the

16 application, [(C)] (3) that the [department] Department of Social  
17 Services has up to ninety days to grant, modify or deny the certificate  
18 of need application, [(D)] (4) a brief description of the reason or  
19 reasons for submitting a request for permission, [(E)] (5) that no patient  
20 shall be involuntarily transferred or discharged within or from a  
21 facility pursuant to state and federal law because of the filing of the  
22 certificate of need application, [(F)] (6) that all patients have a right to  
23 appeal any proposed transfer or discharge, and [(G)] (7) the name,  
24 mailing address and telephone number of the Office of the Long-Term  
25 Care Ombudsman and local legal aid office.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	July 1, 2016	17b-352(d)
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***Statement of Purpose:***

To provide additional information to patients from the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman and the state Department of Aging on their rights and services available when a facility intends to terminate a service or substantially decrease its bed capacity.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*